

I CLAIM:

1. Headwear comprising:

a crown defining an opening for receiving a wearer's head, the crown being constructed to cover the wearer's head by making contact with at least a substantial part of the wearer's
5 head;

a brim extending outward of the crown and having an edge which is joined to the crown, the brim defining, in part, the front of the cap;

an aperture formed in the crown near and inward of the edge of the brim which is capable of allowing an accumulation of a wearer's hair to extend therethrough;

10 a border formed in the crown adjacent the aperture, and including a reinforcement material effective to allow the crown to assume a desired shape while worn by a wearer; and wherein when the headwear is on the wearer's head, the brim is capable of contemporaneously providing shade for the wearer's face and deflecting the hair extending through the aperture.

15 2. The headwear of claim 1, wherein the aperture is elongate and located adjacent the brim so that a portion of the aperture extends generally along the brim.

20 3. The headwear of claim 2, wherein the aperture extends along a substantial length of the brim.

4. The headwear of claim 1, wherein the crown includes plural panels which are connected together in a side-by-side fashion, wherein the panels converge at the top of the cap and include bottom edges which substantially define the opening for receiving a wearer's head.
- 5 5. The headwear of claim 4, wherein the panels are generally triangularly-shaped.
6. The headwear of claim 1, wherein the crown includes an adjustable member for varying the size of the opening for accommodating wearer's with different-sized heads.
- 10 7. A baseball-style sport hat comprising:
- a crown having a front and back and a generally circular bottom edge defining an opening for receiving the head of a wearer, the crown being constructed to cover the wearer's head by making contact with at least a substantial part of the wearer's head;
- 15 a brim extending outward of the crown and connected to the crown adjacent the front bottom edge extending forwardly thereof; and
- an aperture formed in the front of the crown and inward of the edge of the brim for allowing an accumulation of a wearer's hair to extend therethrough, the aperture being positioned so that the brim provides shade for a wearer's face and is capable of deflecting the accumulation of hair extending through the aperture; and
- 20 a border formed in the crown adjacent the aperture, and including a reinforcement material effective to allow the crown to assume a desired shape while worn by a wearer.

8. The cap of claim 7, wherein the aperture is positioned adjacent the brim.

9. The cap of claim 8, wherein the aperture is generally elongate.

5 10. The cap of claim 9, wherein one of the aperture's long sides is positioned
adjacent the brim.